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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Reed, <i>et al.</i>)	Group Art Unit: 1771
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Serial No.: 09/976,411)	Examiner: Hai Vo
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Filed: October 12, 2001)	Deposit Account: 50-2548
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For: Medical Packaging Substrate)	

AFFIDAVIT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.132

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

STATE OF GEORGIA)	
)	S.S.
COUNTY OF FULTON)	

KAREN H. BEAN, being first duly sworn, does hereby state:

That she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering from Auburn University in 1998;

That she has been a Scientist in the Research and Development Division of Kimberly-Clark Corporation since 1999, first in the Technical Paper research group responsible for medical packaging paper development, and presently in the Absorbent Core Development research group; and that she is an inventor of the medical packaging substrate of the application Serial No. 09/976,411;

That she has located in Kimberly-Clark Corporation's laboratory records, certain data concerning the medical packaging disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 6,156,677 to Brown-Reed *et al.*;

That the aforementioned laboratory records were kept by Amy Brown-Reed in the ordinary course of her duties at Kimberly-Clark;

That the laboratory records indicate data about the material disclosed in Brown-Reed '677, including the Gurley Hill porosity for a sample of the packaging, as well as a notation that a sample was sent to Nelson Labs for percent bacteria filtration efficiency (%BFE) testing;

That Nelson Labs has verified that the same protocol used for the testing reported herein was the same protocol used for testing the %BFE of the material of the present application; and

That the sample of the medical packaging disclosed in Brown-Reed '677 had an average %BFE of 92.45%;



Karen H. Bean

SWORN TO and subscribed before me
this 30th day of June, 2003

Stephanie B. Deal (SEAL)

Notary Public for Gwinnett County

My Commission Expires: July 28, 2005.

